

CALLED OUT To Welcome All

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At Caesarea there was a man named Cornelius, a centurion in what was known as the Italian Regiment...

Acts 10:1 NIV

“Hospitality... is the creation of a free space where the stranger can enter and become a friend instead of an enemy. Hospitality is not to change people, but to offer them space where change can take place.”

~ Henri Nouwen

Consequently, we are no longer foreigners and aliens, but fellow citizens with God's people and members of God's household, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. And in him we too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit!

Ephesians 2:19-22 NIV

SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

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1. Review the story in Acts chapters 10 and 11 and recount the things that stood out to you as Pastor Nathan went through it on Sunday.
2. Is there a character in the story that you identify with most closely?
3. Has God ever surprised you by showing himself in a context in which you didn't expect it?
4. How might our church family's paradigm of God and his chosen people need to shift in order for us to make space to include all?
5. How do you think this story sets the stage for a discussion on hospitality next Sunday?

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a journey through the book of ACTS

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